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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

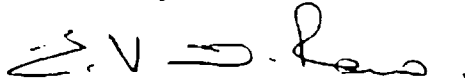
The lawsuits pending against Microsoft by the US department of Justice and the states have gone on long enough. I am happy to see a tentative settlement has occurred between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice, but I am concerned that nine states are continuing litigation.

During this time of economic recession, we must rely on our industries. Microsoft is the leading technology industry company with unprecedented growth rates over the last decade. The suits which are being filed against Microsoft could be filed against any other company in the country and I honestly do not think that any business would be able to operate if they were forced to take on the restrictions that Microsoft will have to. For example, Microsoft will have to ignore intellectual property rights and share, with other companies, critical information about how the Windows operating system works.

The system is allowing rich cry-babies like Scott McNeil and others to use the anti-trust laws for furthering their own businesses. A careful scrutiny of their business practices would also reveal similar so-called anti-trust laws. Also, to allow each state to individually sue is also calling for 50 additional individual biases. Is this justice?

I urge the US Government to discontinue its meddling in private affairs and focus on other more important issues. The best interests of the American Public will be served only when these lawsuits are dropped and Microsoft is allowed to focus on business, not politics.

Sincerely,


Vinod Rao

cc: Senator Rick Santorum